

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mrs. Linda Greenblatt, a beloved social studies teacher who passed away on March 18 after decades of service to the Red Hook Central School District.

As a former student of Mrs. Greenblatt, I can attest to the profound impact she had in the classroom. She had a passion for teaching, and her lessons made students excited about history and government.

What I admire most about her is that she saw the potential in every student. She was the type of teacher who would allow students to do a project if they weren't able to take the test. This individualized approach helped students like me to realize their strengths and achieve their goals.

I thank her, as do so many, for being one of the people who got me interested in public service and helped me recognize at a very young age that every person has significant strengths and abilities.

I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the memory of Mrs. Linda Greenblatt. May her legacy continue to inspire future generations of educators and students alike.

CREATE A FEDERAL OFFICE FOR GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I am furious, angry that three kids died today in Nashville, Tennessee; angry that hundreds of parents had to cry their eyes out today not knowing if their child would come home from school; and angry that we have to live day after day when we turn on the news to see rampant gun violence claiming life after life.

All of this is because of politicians in this Chamber that have been bought and paid for by the NRA, that put profits over people, over human lives, cowards who wasted our time last week passing a parental bill of rights, not giving a damn about the rights of children to be able to go to their classroom without the fear of being gunned down due to senseless gun violence.

It is likely that, at this moment, the next mass shooter is planning their shooting. What will this Chamber do about it?

I filed my first bill last week to simply create a Federal office of gun violence prevention. Three kids are dead today, and every day that we wait, 100 more people die.

I pray to God that there are some Republicans in this Chamber who can help support my legislation to save lives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BENNO LUENSMANN

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a giant in agriculture in the 15th Congressional District of Texas. Benno Luensmann of Seguin, Texas, passed away earlier this year after a storied career in Texas ag.

Benno was successful in so many different areas that it is hard just to pick one. He and his brothers built their cattle business in Guadalupe County, a company grown from what his son called a beat-up sell barn that became a thriving enterprise.

In addition to his success in cattle, Benno served the community as the local fair president and on numerous local committees. In addition to his community service and cattle business, he was an educator, having taught at Seguin High School and Texas Lutheran University. He also served as a consultant to the USDA and spent time in Asia before returning home.

Benno rightfully received recognition for his accomplishments and leaves behind a legacy in ag and the larger Seguin community.

To his wife, Shirley, and his children, Bryan, Reagan, Yvonne, and Donna, thank you so much for sharing your husband and father with the community. He touched many generations of farmers and ranchers and his local community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF ANNIE DAYE

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight some of our unsung heroes of eastern North Carolina, our schoolbus drivers.

Mr. Speaker, our schoolbus drivers go above and beyond when it comes to getting the job done, and Ms. Annie Daye, at Central Elementary School in Jackson, North Carolina, is without exception.

A native of Northampton County, Ms. Daye has been a schoolbus driver for nearly 50 years in the county where she grew up, making a daily impact on the lives of her 40 young passengers.

In addition to being the first person to offer students a warm smile and greeting in the morning, she creates a caring, safe environment where children can feel secure and understood.

Mr. Speaker, we need to do all we can to support schoolbus drivers to ensure every child across the First Congressional District and America has a champion like Ms. Daye.

Let's tell a schoolbus driver thank you. I thank Ms. Daye for her nearly 50 years.

UNLOCK AMERICA'S DOMESTIC ENERGY POTENTIAL

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, American families are faced with historically high inflation and energy prices.

Energy demand is expected to increase by 50 percent by 2050. Gas and oil needs will increase, and they will be met whether it is in this country or other countries around the world that haven't gone all-electric or aren't being forced into doing so.

America's needs for minerals necessary for the defense and tech sectors are projected to grow exponentially.

To meet these crises, an all-of-the-above approach is needed for American energy. Unfortunately, the NEPA permitting process hinders American domestic energy expansion.

For example, it can take a decade to open a new mine in the U.S., while other countries such as Canada and Australia take only 3 years to do the same. There is nothing new under the Sun on what needs to be permitted. Get it done.

The NEPA permitting process is filled with repetitive assessments, lengthy and expensive litigation, and bureaucratic hurdles. It is almost impossible for new energy and infrastructure projects to ever see the light of day, but I think they want it that way.

What? Are we supposed to all live in caves and eat mealworms? That seems to be the direction we are going.

CONGRATULATING VNA HOSPICE OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana for receiving a Level 5 status from the We Honor Veterans program for the third consecutive year.

The women and men who volunteer to defend and protect our national security deserve every resource, consideration, and compassionate assistance when they return home.

As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and a prior local elected official in northwest Indiana for 15 years, I continue to be grateful for so many meaningful relationships with our veterans community. I will continue to do all I can to ensure our veterans receive the care and benefits that they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana for this recognition and appreciation of their unwavering commitment to supporting our veterans and all those in need.

THANKING BOB AND LINDA BRACKEN FOR THEIR SERVICE

(Mr. SANTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)